

Administrative Procedure 711

MEDICAL - PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Background

The Superintendent, in cooperation with Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, supports efforts to minimize a pandemic and its disruption to the operational activities of the Division. The administrators and all staff are expected to ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources for the maximum benefit and protection of students, staff and facilities.

Definitions

Pandemic: shall refer to an epidemic disease of widespread prevalence around the globe.

Procedures

1. In the event that Alberta Health Services identifies risk or evidence of a pandemic outbreak in the region, the Superintendent has the authority to make final decisions regarding crisis response;
 - 1.1 When a state of emergency is declared by a Ministry of the Alberta Government, the particular Ministry will have such authority.
2. The Superintendent or designate shall communicate a standard set of response protocols for dealing with a pandemic to ensure that members of administration and staffs are familiar with roles and processes in the event of an outbreak.
3. In accordance with directives emanating from federal and provincial authorities and the consequent circumstances that may prevail, the Superintendent may temporarily suspend the Division's current practices and operating guidelines.
 - 3.1 Social distancing refers to measures taken to restrict when and where people can gather. It is intended to decrease the number of new infections by reducing the opportunities for transmission from infected to non-infected individuals. These measures include, but are not limited to, provincially mandated school closures.



Reference: Education Act 222 Public Health Act P-37 Communicable Diseases Regulation (238/1985)	
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References shall be updated as required and do not require additional approval.

